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1. SUMMARY: EMBOFF DISCUSSED CODE WITH FONOFF REP AND SUPPLIED HIM WITH MEMO OUTLINING US POSITION. FONOFF REP (A) INDICATED FRG WOULD TAKE US POSITION INTO ACCOUNT IN ITS DELIBERATIONS CONCERNING CODE; LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(B) POINTED OUT FRG DECISION WOULD PROBABLY BE TO

SUPPORT RATIFICATION OF CODE; (C) STATED FINAL FRG DECISION WILL NOT BE MADE UNTIL AFTER OECD CONFERENCE TO BE HELD TOWARD END OF 1974. END SUMMARY.

- 2. EMBOFF DISCUSSED CODE WITH FONOFF OFFICIAL VON PLOETZ (RESPONSIBLE FOR MARITIME MATTERS) DRAWING ON GUIDELINES PROVIDED REFTEL. IN RESPONSE, VON PLOETZ STATED THAT FRG INTER-MINISTERIAL REVIEW OF CODE NOT YET COMPLETED. BUT INDICATED THAT FRG DECISION WOULD PROBABLY FAVOR ADOPTION OF CODE. HE NOTED THAT FRG FINAL DECISION WOULD NOT BE MADE UNTIL AFTER OECD MEETING TO BE HELD TOWARD END OF 1974, STATING THAT OECD SECRETARIAT HAD ASKED MEMBERS TO DELAY MAKING FINAL DECISION ON CODE UNTIL AFTER OECD MEETING. IN ATTEMPTING TO JUSTIFY GERMAN POSITION FAVORING ADOPTION OF CODE, VON PLOETZ EXPLAINED THAT, ALTHOUGH FRG RECOGNIZED CERTAIN DEFICIENCIES IN PROPOSED CODE, IT DID SEEM TO OFFER THE BEST SOLUTION TO DATE FOR INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT PROBLEM. VON PLOETZ STATED THAT FRG WAS FULLY AWARE OF US VIEWS ON THE CODE AND WOULD TAKE THESE INTO ACCOUNT IN ITS FURTHER DELIBERATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT.
- 3. COMMENT: CONVERSATION WITH FONOFF REP INDICATES FRG HAS MOVE D FURTHER TOWARD ACCEPTING CODE AND ANTI-CIPATES OECD WILL HAVE NO OBJECTION TO SUCH A MOVE. HILLENBRAND

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